



# News Release

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## JUNE 2008 HOG REPORT

All hogs and pigs on **North Carolina** farms on June 1, 2008 totaled 10.1 million head, up 4 percent from June 1, 2007 and unchanged from the March 1, 2008 inventory.

Market hogs, at 9.08 million head, are up 5 percent from last year and unchanged from last quarter. Breeding stock totaled 1.02 million head, unchanged from last June and from March 1, 2008. North Carolina ranks 2nd nationally in the total number of hogs and pigs behind Iowa.

The State's pig crop during the March – May 2008 period totaled 5.24 million head, up 3 percent from the same quarter last year. These pigs were produced by 560,000 sows, unchanged from last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged 9.35, up from the number of pigs saved on average last year.

North Carolina producers intend to farrow 560,000 sows during the June – August 2008 quarter and 550,000 sows during the September – November 2008 quarter.

**United States inventory** of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2008 was 67.7 million head. This was up 6 percent from June 1, 2007, and up 1 percent from March 1, 2008.

**Breeding inventory**, at 6.07 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 61.6 million head, was up 7 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from last quarter.

**The March – May 2008 pig crop**, at 29.0 million head, was up 4 percent from 2007 and up 9 percent from 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.09 million head, up 2 percent from 2007 and up 6 percent from 2006.

## NORTH CAROLINA HOG & PIG INVENTORY

(Thousand Head)

